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DETERMINATION OF THE CURRENT FAIR

PROPERTY. A RATE INCREASE AND FOR

APPROVAL TO INCUR LONG-TERM DEBT.

VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PLANT AND

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BY THE COMMISSION:

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In Decision No. 67166 (August 10, 2004), the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") granted Pine Water Company ("Pine Water" or "Company") a permanent revenue increase of approximately 11.8 percent pursuant to a settlement agreement entered into by Pine Water, the Commission's Utilities Division Staff ("Staff"), and other intervenors. Decision No. 67166 also directed Staff to prepare a Staff Report within three months addressing whether a moratorium on new water hook-ups should be reinstituted for Pine Water. Pine Water is currently subject to a limited moratorium pursuant to Decision No. 65435 (December 9, 2002), whereby the Company is limited to a maximum of 25 new service connections per month.

On November 19, 2004, Staff issued its Staff Report in accordance with Decision No. 67166. In the Staff Report, Staff recommends that Pine Water be prohibited from connecting any new customers due to Staff's determination that inadequate sources of water are available to serve additional customers. Staff also indicates that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality ("ADEQ") is unable to determine if the Company is currently delivering water that meets water quality standards required under the Arizona Administrative Code. According to Staff, ADEO has reported that Pine Water has a pending Consent Order, Notice of Violations, and numerous plant deficiencies.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a Procedural Conference be scheduled in this matter for December 1, 2004, at 1:30 p.m., at the offices of the Commission, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix.

Arizona. The purpose of the Procedural Conference is to discuss procedural matters including, but not limited to, the need for responses to Staff's recommendations and possible hearing dates for 2 considering the allegations and recommendations set forth in the November 19, 2004 Staff Report. In 3 lieu of participation in person, interested parties may participate telephonically by calling (602) 542-4 5 9002 at the designated time. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Administrative Law Judge may rescind, alter, amend, 6 or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at 8 hearing. DATED this 23td day of November, 2004. 9 10 11 12 ASSISTANT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE Copies of the foregoing mailed 13 Aday of November, 2004 to: 14 Jay Shapiro Patrick Black 15 FENNEMORE CRAIG 3003 N. Central Avenue, Suite 2600 Phoenix, Arizona 85012 17 Attorneys for Pine Water Company 18 Robert M. Cassaro P.O. Box 1522 19 Pine, AZ 85544 20 John O. Breninger 21 P.O. Box 2096 Pine, AZ 85544 22 John G. Gliege 23 P.O. Box 1388 24 Flagstaff, AZ 86002 Attorney for Pine-Strawberry Water Improvement District 25 Christopher Kempley, Chief Counsel 26 **LEGAL DIVISION** Arizona Corporation Commission 27

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